

freedom.” And we’ll see how it goes, but I’m happy to have supported the Prime Minister’s request that this meeting take place.

Mr. President, thanks. Your press conferences are nice. I appreciate the Brazilian press for coming. Glad the American press behaved okay. *[Laughter]* Be careful, they may spend a lot of time at the bars around here. *[Laughter]* Yes.

Okay, thanks.

NOTE: The President’s news conference began at 3:27 p.m. at the Hilton Sao Paulo Morumbi. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. President Lula da Silva referred to Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, U.S. Trade Representative. President Lula da Silva spoke in Portuguese, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Enterprise, AL, where he took an aerial tour of the area damaged by tornadoes on March 1. Later, he met with families whose homes were damaged by the tornadoes.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Americus, GA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he took an aerial tour of the damaged area. He then participated in a briefing on tornado damage and met with affected families.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on March 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on March 1–2.

March 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with Foreign Service officers.

March 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President watched the verdict read in the trial of former Chief of Staff to the Vice President I. Lewis Libby.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with King Abdallah II and Queen Rania of Jordan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Timothy Kelliher to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and to redesignate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to designate Kerri Layne Briggs as Acting Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education and to nominate her to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas G. Myers, Jeffrey Patchen, and Lotsee Patterson to be members of the National Museum and Library Sciences Board.

March 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to DAR Constitution Hall, where he made remarks to political appointees and Federal Government employees. Later, they returned to the White House.

Later in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with congressional leaders.

March 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil, arriving in the evening. Upon arrival, they met with Brazil's Ambassador to the U.S. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota and U.S. Ambassador to Brazil Clifford M. Sobel.

March 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he greeted U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

Later in the morning, the President went to Petrobras Transporte S.A. Facility, where he toured the facility and participated in a briefing on biofuel technology.

In the afternoon, the President had a lunch meeting with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Meninos do Morumbi, where they toured the facility with founder Flavio Pimenta and watched a performance.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Montevideo, Uruguay.

The White House announced that, to commemorate Saint Patrick's Day, the President will host Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland at the White House on March 16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dale Cabaniss to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority and, upon confirmation, redesignate him as Chair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Waller Pope to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace: Anne Cahn; Kathleen Martinez; Bruce Pitcairn Jackson; George E. Moose; and Jeremy Rabkin.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors: Marc A. Giammatteo; Jose R. Ramos; Tammy L. Edwards; Kenneth Fisher; C. Martin Harris; Edward A. Eckenhoff; and Gail R. Wilensky.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 5

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, vice Harold D. Stratton, resigned.

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of 7 years from October 27, 2006, vice Harold D. Stratton, resigned.

Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Emil W. Henry, Jr.

Submitted March 7

Kerri Layne Briggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, vice Henry Louis Johnson, resigned.

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2012 (re-appointment).

Douglas G. Myers, of California, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011, vice Peter Hero, term expired.

Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a